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MONITORING CENTRES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up centres to monitor climate change in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to various State Governments for development and promotion of environmental projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Changing characteristics of climate (temperature, rainfall etc.) are being regularly monitored for the last 100 years by the observatories established by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) that are spread all over the country.With the on-going modernization of the IMD, there will be a quantum jump in the coverage of climate observations all over the Indian region which will make impact assessments feasible and make possible better detection of climate shifts in future.

IMD has already installed 125 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) all over India.Under the phase I of the IMDs moderanisation scheme, additional 550 AWS are under implementation all over India.

(c)&(d) As per information available till date, a sum of Rs. 82.4 crores has been provided for development and promotion of environmental projects to various Sate Government During year 2008-09.